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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1659

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Austin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill:

- (1) establishes the Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and Transportation Alternatives;
- (2) provides that the Committee consists of the members of: (A) the Senate Standing Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; and (B) the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transportation;
- (3) provides that the Committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council;
- (4) provides that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) shall commission six studies on mass transit in Indiana by region;
- (5) provides that INDOT shall commission the studies by December 1, 2007;
- (6) provides that studies must be completed by July 1, 2008; and
- (7) provides that INDOT may not spend more than \$250,000 on each mass transit study.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and Transportation Alternatives:* The bill establishes a 23-member committee to consist of the Senate Standing Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs (consisting of 11 members) and the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transportation (consisting of 12 members). The Chairs of the respective standing committees are to serve as co-Chairs.

The Committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more. The fund affected is the state

General Fund. The Legislative Services Agency and INDOT are to provide support staff for the Committee.

(Revised) *INDOT Studies*: Before December 1, 2007, INDOT is to commission six studies analyzing various aspects of mass transit systems in each of six regions of the state. INDOT may expend no more than \$250,000 on any one of the required studies. Thus, total expenditures will not be greater than \$1.5 M.

Background Information: The Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and Transportation Alternatives is to do the following:

- (1) Review INDOT studies regarding mass transit that have been conducted by INDOT.
- (2) Review federal legislative activity regarding development and expansion of mass transit as well as revenue streams on the federal level.
- (3) Review mass transit initiatives of other states.

The Committee is to report and make recommendations on the following issues:

- (1) The need to use mass transportation to mitigate congestion.
- (2) Ways to address the demand for workforce transportation that is reliable and secure.
- (3) Ways to eliminate barriers to investment in mass transportation created by the current structure of transportation funding.
- (4) Existing barriers to private investment in mass transportation facilities, including tax inequities.
- (5) Effective ways of leveraging federal programs to supplement state funding of mass transportation.
- (6) The relationship between land use and investment in mass transportation infrastructure.
- (7) The role that mass transportation plays in promoting economic growth, improving the environment, and sustaining the quality of life.

Before December 1, 2007, INDOT is to commission six studies concerning the mass transit in each of the following regions:

- (1) Central Indiana, consisting of the following counties:
 - (A) Boone.
 - (B) Hamilton.
 - (C) Hancock.
 - (D) Hendricks.
 - (E) Johnson.
 - (F) Madison
 - (G) Marion.
 - (H) Morgan.
- (2) Northwest Indiana.
- (3) Northeast Indiana.
- (4) South central Indiana, including Monroe County.
- (5) Southwest Indiana.
- (6) Southeast Indiana.

Each of the studies specified must analyze the following aspects of mass transit systems:

- (1) The need to use mass transportation to mitigate congestion.
- (2) Ways to address the demand for workforce transportation that is reliable and secure;

- (3) Ways to eliminate barriers to investment in mass transportation created by the current structure of transportation funding.
- (4) Existing barriers to private investment in mass transportation facilities, including tax inequities.
- (5) Effective ways of leveraging federal programs to supplement state funding of mass transportation.
- (6) The relationship between land use and investment in mass transportation infrastructure.
- (7) The role that mass transportation plays in promoting economic growth, improving the environment, and sustaining the quality of life.
- (8) Policies required to develop a mass transportation system to support a growing population and the states economy for the foreseeable future.
- (9) Transit oriented development.
- (10) Impact of mass transit on projected demographic patterns including age populations.
- (11) Current and future commuter patterns in the identified counties.
- (12) Current trends in mass transit.
- (13) A review of federal activities in the area of mass transit.
- (14) Funding options for pilot mass transit and alternative transit systems.

Final reports must be submitted by July 1, 2008. INDOT is to transmit the results of the studies to the public and in an electronic format to the Indiana General Assembly. Any intermediate reports will be transmitted in a similar manner.

INDOT is to pay for the studies required from money under INDOT's control, including money in the following funds or accounts:

- (1) Federal Highway account.
- (2) Federal Transit account.
- (3) State Planning and Research fund.
- (4) State's portion of the Public Mass Transportation Fund.

INDOT may not expend more than \$250,000 on any one of the required studies.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation; Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: See counties and areas listed above.

Information Sources:

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